

~~TOP SECRET~~

Com-8

NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

26 November 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the DCI with PFIAB, 26 November 1968

TO: DD/S&T

25X1A

Attached for your information is an excerpt from

[redacted] memorandum for the record on the above mentioned subject.

25X1A

HANDLE VIA [redacted] CONTROL
SYSTEM ONLY

Excerpt from [redacted] 278-68, Cy #5

~~TOP SECRET~~

25X1A

6. Reconnaissance.

TOP SECRET

a. Dr. Baker, supported by General Taylor, volunteered that the Board had received a good briefing from Mr. Duckett on real time readout and they were all enthusiastically for it. Mr. Helms said that he was as well. General Taylor felt that it might be necessary to put one man in charge of development of such a system and to arm him with adequate authority to enforce priorities in getting the job done.

b. This led into a discussion of the NRO and particularly the duties which have devolved on the DNRO, who had followed Mr. Duckett in briefing the Board today. General Taylor felt that the DNRO was too much enmeshed in present systems to give enough impetus to more advanced ones like real time readout. The DCI said that he thought it was now time to have a Director of

HANDLE VIA CONTROL
SYSTEM ONLY

4 278-68

25X1A

25X1A

TOP SECRET

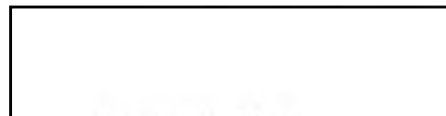
TOP SECRET

NRO who could devote his full time to it. It was pointed out that one of the original reasons for combining the job with that of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Research and Development) was to provide a cover for necessary action, but it was also agreed that it should not be necessary for the incumbent to immerse himself in matters other than those of the NRO.

c. Admiral Sides alluded to a visit that he had made to some firm in Sunnyvale. They had told him that meaningful analysis of satellite photography now takes about 30 days but that if they had three more analysts they could reduce the time required to a day and a half. They had stated they could not afford to hire these analysts themselves. The DCI undertook to look into this matter. (Mr. Duckett will follow up with Admiral Sides.)

d. Mr. Helms showed the Board some samples of pictures [redacted] The members were impressed.

25X1D



AD/DCI/NIPE

25X1A

cc: DCI
DDCI
ExDir-Compt.
DD/I
Chairman, CCPC - para. 1
IG - para. 3
Chairman, Watch Committee - para. 4
Chairman, IHC - para. 5
DD/S&T - para. 6

83*H9 10 3
83*H9 10 3
15 15

25X1A

HANDLE VIA [redacted] CONTROL
SYSTEM ONLY

5 [redacted] 278-68

25X1A

TOP SECRET